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PASS AMBASSADOR KREHBIEL

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR KREHBIEL'S CONSULTATIONS

REF: HELSINKI A-003; CLEMENT-KOZLOV MEMCON 11/20/74;
HELSINKI A-13.

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS IN FINLAND OR IN
US-FINNISH RELATIONS NECESSITATING ANY CHANGES IN
TALKING PAPERS PREPARED FOR YOUR CONSULTATIONS, BUT
WE SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH LOOK OVER REFERENCED COMMUN-
ICATIONS.

2. AS YOU WILL RECALL, WE HAD DECIDED PRIOR YOUR
DECEMBER 16 DEPARTURE FOR US TO GO AHEAD WITH RETURN
"LOVE-IN" FOR OUR COUNTERPARTS AT SOVIET EMBASSY IN
LATTER PART OF JANUARY. AS NOTED IN REF MEMCON, IN
NOVEMBER WE PUT SOVIETS OFF UNTIL JANUARY BUT MADE
A KIND OF COMMITMENT TO INVITE THEM THEN; WE COULD
GET OUT OF THIS COMMITMENT ON GROUNDS OF YOUR
CHANGED SCHEDULE. AS FAR AS AVAILABILITY OF USIS
FACILITIES IS CONCERNED, "LOVE-IN" COULD BE HELD
JANUARY 23 OR 24. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING
US WHETHER YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WANT TO HOST
FUNCTION THEN AND IF SO WHETHER DEPT THINKS CURRENT
STIFFENED SOVIET CRITICISM OF US MAKES RETURN
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"LOVE-IN" INADVISABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON PROCEED-
ING WITH LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE HONORING MAX
JAKOBSON, FORMER FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO UN AND
STOCKHOLM. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BEFORE GOING ON
LEAVE YOU HAD TENTATIVELY PLANNED ON THIS.

4. THERE IS ALSO QUESTION OF WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE
US TO TRY GET PRIME MINISTER SORSA TO DINNER AT
RESIDENCE TO MAKE UP FOR ONE HE MISSED BECAUSE OF
HIS TRIP TO SOVIET UNION.

5. WHEN DECIDING ON THESE MATTERS, YOU MAY WISH
TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE WILL BE SOME OTHER DEMANDS
ON YOUR TIME. FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN HOSTS
A LUNCHEON FOR A DEPARTING AMBASSADOR (THIS TAKES
CARE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLS -- OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS DO NOT EXPECT FAREWELL CALLS) AND
PRESIDENT KEKKONEN GRANTS A FAREWELL AUDIENCE
(WHICH IS NORMALLY ON A FRIDAY AND IS A DEPARTING
AMBASSADOR'S LAST CALL ON ANYBODY IN HELSINKI).
PROTOCOL OFFICE REQUESTS AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS
POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THESE.

6. VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER
ARE CALLS ON OTHER FINNS OR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.
USUALLY THESE ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM, PRIMARILY
LIMITED TO A FEW CLOSE FRIENDS. SOME OF YOUR GOOD
FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WILL IN TURN WISH TO
ENTERTAIN YOU AND MRS. KREHBIEL.

7. THERE ARE MANY FINNS WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ENTERTAIN YOU THEMSELVES BUT WHO STILL WOULD VERY
MUCH APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND
MRS. KREHBIEL IN PERSON FOR THE GREAT EFFORT YOU
HAVE PUT INTO IMPROVING US-FINNISH RELATIONS AND
THE WARMTH AND SINCERITY THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO
THE CONDUCT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FINNS. FOR
THIS REASON WE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER GIVING ONE OR
MORE FAREWELL RECEPTIONS FOR A VERY SELECT GROUP
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OF INVITEES.

8. DECISION ON SOME OF THESE MATTERS COULD AWAIT
YOUR RETURN IF YOU EXPECT SPEND SOME WEEKS IN
HELSINKI, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY ADVICE
ON ITEM 2-5 ABOVE. PLEASE ALSO CABLE ARRIVAL
INFO SO WE MAY MEET YOUR PLANE.

9. FOR EUR/NE: PLEASE BE READY GIVE AMBASSADOR
KREHBIEL DEPT'S VIEWS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF OUR
SCHEDULING RETURN "LOVE-IN" FOR END OF JANUARY.
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